

**Minutes – Joint Meeting
Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID
April 8, 2010**

Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson; Dan Chismire, Thaddeus Smith, Carol Massie. Not Present: Jim McPartlin, Mark Supper. SVBID Committee Members Present: Fred Rosenthal, Chairperson; Patrick Olmstead. Not Present: Richard Falzone, Fabio Conti, Roxanna Sassanian. Liaisons: Officer Danny Pesqueira, Sgt. Darrell Davis, LAPD; Steve Seyler, Mike Harkins, Andrews International; Deputy Dennis Chuck, LA Sheriffs.; Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance. Guests: Brian Folb, Paramount Contractors and Developers, Peter Sykes, Hollywood Spa; Phil Royle, Nick _____, Madame Tussauds; Mathieu Larochelle, W Hotel; Jeff Cohen, Gatehouse Capital; Greg Angelo, Metro.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairpersons John Tronson and Fred Rosenthal at 10:11 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: Peter Sykes gave an update to the committee on continuing issues that are occurring on Ivar Avenue after clubs let out late at night. Officer Pesqueira informed Sykes that one of the clubs would be closing for remodeling in the future, which may help alleviate some of the issues that have been occurring.
- III. Minutes: Hollywood: **It was moved by Thaddeus Smith, seconded by Fred Rosenthal and CARRIED to approve the minutes from the Committee's March 11, 2010 meeting. Unanimously approved.** Sunset and Vine: **No quorum available, minutes were tabled until the Committee's May meeting.**

IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Steve Seyler reported on some of the recent occurrences in the BID. Seyler told the committee that over the last period, BID officers have been able to help place a couple homeless individuals in the BID into services. BID Security has also been utilizing LAPD's Hype Team to help deal with offenders arrested for possession of heroin. So far year to date, the officers have also made 300 arrests in the two BIDs combined.

B. Report from LAPD: Officer Pesqueira reported that crime in Hollywood continues to remain steady, slightly decreasing in some areas. Pesqueira informed the committee that this was impressive, considering that the division only makes up 3% land mass of all the departments, yet has 35% of the city's nightclubs. The one area where a slight spike has been seen is in incidents involving "theft from persons," such as purse snatching or breaking into motor vehicles.

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: Deputy Chuck informed the committee that the department had started a new detail four weeks ago that has been very successful. The new

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unit takes plain clothed deputies and has them work along the Redline stations. In the past two weeks the program has been able to make 30 felony arrests, and 100 misdemeanor arrests.

D. Report from LA City Attorney's Office: Not in attendance.

V. Old Business

A. Report from 4-7-2010 Nuisance Abatement Task Force: Kerry Morrison briefed the committee on the meeting which occurred yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce. The meeting, which was led by Mitch O'Farrell – CD 13, featured several representatives from businesses and city entities in the area. The group realized that an ordinance, if created, would have to be different than the one currently used along the Venice Boardwalk. There are a number of options for the group to explore going forward and will be meeting regularly to help ensure that momentum is continued to try and address the quality of life issues occurring on Hollywood Boulevard.

VI. New Business

A. Discussion Regarding Coordination Around Public Safety Issues at Hollywood and Vine Plaza: With the recent opening of the W Hotel, Morrison had asked representatives from Andrews International, Metro, LASD and the W Security to have a conversation in regards to whom held jurisdiction to patrol various areas of the plaza. Currently the public restrooms located near the Metro elevators are being misused by individuals. Deputy Chuck informed the committee that the majority of the Sheriffs area is the actual platform areas (below ground) and the elevators. Currently Andrews International patrols the plaza on a limited basis. It is also patrolled occasionally by the W security. As a action item the committee came up with four potential action items to report back on in May to see which are feasible to help make a difference in the area. The items are as follows.

1. Look into possibly obtaining another Automatic Public Toilet for the area on Argyle Avenue. 2. Have Sheriffs also inspect restrooms when checking out stations. 3. Step up BID patrol in the area during on hours. 4. Have Metro look into possibly changing doors to a token entry system.

B. Homeless Registry: Hollywood 4WRD is partnering with Common Ground to do a registry of Hollywood's most chronic and vulnerable homeless individuals to try and have them placed in permanent supportive housing through the use of Hollywood's limited social service resources. The registry will take place on April 25-28. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up at <http://hollywoodhomelessregistry.wufoo.com/forms/hollywood-homeless-registry-2010-volunteer-sign-up/>

C. Sunset and Vine BID Renewal Discussion: Morrison reminded the committee that the Sunset and Vine BID renewal process will be starting in the very near future. The Sunset and Vine committee should give some thought to the potential boundary expansion as it relates to Clean and Safe being extended past Cassil.

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VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 10 a.m. in Suite 200 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Los Angeles, CA. 90028).

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chairpersons John Tronson and Fred Rosenthal at 11:31 p.m.